#### COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

Regular Meeting – March 10, 2003, 3:00 PM 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 115 Palm Desert, CA 92260

#### REVISED AGENDA

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2003 meeting
- 3.0 Public Comments

At this time any member of the public may address the Governing Board on any item. The Board cannot take action on an item not on the agenda, but it can place it on the agenda for a future meeting.

### 4.0 Action Items

- 4.1 Resolution 2003-02 approving a local assistance grant to the Friends of the Desert Mountains for the acquisition of property in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. [See Attachment 1.]
- 4.2 Resolution 2003-03 approving a local assistance grant to the Friends of the Desert Mountains for the acquisition of property in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. [See Attachment 2.]
- 4.3 Resolution 2003-04 approving a local assistance grant to the Friends of the Desert Mountains for the acquisition of property in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. [See Attachment 3.]
- 4.4 Rescind resolution 2001-07 regarding acceptance of land in the La Quinta area of the Santa Rosa Mountains [See Attachment 4.]

#### 5.0 Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126 (a)(1), 11126 (e)(1) and 11126.3(a) the Board may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action on personnel matters and or receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions. One matter is scheduled for consideration in closed session. This matter deals with noncompliance with the terms of the Revised Settlement Agreement among the City of Rancho Mirage, Cathedral City, the Conservancy, MCO Properties, Inc., Federated Development Company, and Olympus Rancho Mirage, L.P. There is the potential for litigation.

#### 6.0 Information items

6.1 Presentation on the relationship between blowsand and air quality issues. [A concern was raised about this issue as it relates to our land acquisition program by a Governing Board member. Members of the public have also raised a concern at various times as to whether buying land to protect the sand

- source/transport system for the fringe-toed lizard preserves contributes to PM<sub>10</sub> issues. Cam Barrows, Preserve Manager for the Coachella Valley Fringe-toed Lizard Preserve System will make a brief presentation on this issue and answer any questions.]
- 6.2 Presentation on the "dead and dying forest" issue. [A concern was raised about this issue as it relates to our funding priorities by a Governing Board member. Staff has requested a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, if one is available, to make a brief presentation on the tree die-off issue.]
- 6.3 Presentation on the Conservancy's mission and Strategic Plan. [Staff will make a brief oral presentation to update the Board on the Strategic Plan, which has not been amended since 2000.]

# 7.0 Reports (See Attachment 5)

- 7.1 Acquisitions and Funding
- 7.2 MSHCP/NCCP
- 7.3 Attorney General's Report
- 7.4 Board Member comments and reports from Conservancy member agencies. This is an opportunity for any of the Governing Board Members to present a report on matters of interest regarding the agency he or she represents.

## 8.0 Adjourn to May 12, 2003 meeting

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